

our societies become liberal supporters of the general causes which so much need help. Great things can be accomplished by the different societies of the brotherhood, if there is some godly enthusiasm back of them. We had a grand and helpful communion service on the evening of Aug. 7, conducted by J. M. Bowman, who has consented to take charge of this congregation and some other place. We trust his efforts may be blessed to God's glory.

WM. BEACHLER.

#### Louisville, Ohio

A few words from this place may be interesting to some. The church work is progressing. We have services every two weeks, morning and evening, and good services at that. The church will hold a few more than our ordinary audience. Brethren and sisters living near Louisville, come and hear a few good sermons now, for you can not live always. Our Sunday school is doing good work and the prospects are getting brighter. It is gently calling for more scholars. We have a living prayer meeting and good material to work with. Our lessons conducted by Brother Welty are made very interesting.

The Young People's Society is doing exceedingly well. Its membership is increasing and its good qualities are becoming more prominent. We have a good attendance. The lessons are interesting because the discussions are good, but the hour passes only too soon. We do and others can learn new and great truths every Sunday evening. We kindly ask the members of the church and those who come to the Sunday evening services, to come early enough to attend the meeting of the Young People's Society. More in the future. May God bless the work.

OMER HUFF, Clerk.

#### "Ripples" from the Pacific

On yesterday we gathered the "first fruits" of Progression at this place since the formal organization of the church,—a young sister of rare qualifications and character. Three others have made application. We have not sounded a trumpet since making the change of church relationship, nor do we intend to. We long ago found the pearl of great price, and enjoyed it, even tho we kept it wrapped in the G. B. napkin for a number of years. The congregation at this place is composed of both branches of the church, Sunday school and prayer meeting is held in common. Church services are conducted alternately by the Brethren and German Baptist Brethren. Brother M. M. Eshelman, favorably known to us all, recently conducted a series of meetings here. Tho allied to the other branch of the church, it will be no injustice to him for me to state thru the EVANGELIST that his sermons have the proper ring. Give us more such preaching, brother M. M. It is but natural for a person or number of persons, on entering new relations as we have done, to advance cautiously. The effect of past discipline, even tho much of it has been arbitrary and selfish, is so indelibly stamped on the mind, that the continuous and spon-

taneous inquiry, "Is it 'the order'?" scarcely gives our individual consciences a moment's interim to pose upon the ever changing conditions and problems of life with the sterner and infinitely more glorious inquiry, "Is it right?"

Mechanism (?) in spiritual matters is the strangest paradox of all. To be just gives us the quality of God. Our thoughts culminating in action, should primarily evolve from an innate desire and sense of right. Hence the only logically righteous man is he who in some way receives the inner holy impulse from which a righteous act may proceed. Outward pressure may cause the individual to perform the same act, but the act not representing the true condition of the heart, or mind, falsifies the individual, and does him additional injury.

It shall be our delight to see the Brethren church grapple the issues that confront us all in the proper manner. Given loyal soldiers in the ranks, ministers to fire their hearts with gospel patriotism,—love for Christ,—continuous victories will follow.

J. B. EARLY.

Salem, Oregon.

#### Millersburg, Iowa

Our little church at this place has been prospering spiritually very well in the last year. Baptized two at our communion June 18th and two more since and the outlook for still more is good. We feel sure our church is in the best condition it has ever been in since organized. Our services are all well attended; have a good Sunday-school and King's Children. Have had four sermons a month, will have six in the future.

Two of our young people will go to Ashland school: brother Ole Swadberg and sister Ada Sanger. This will take our Sunday-school superintendent and King's Children president and we will miss them, but we hope they will return to us all the better prepared for the Master's work.

JOHN A. MYERS.

#### Mulvane, Kans.

It has been some time since I have written for the EVANGELIST and it now becomes a duty of mine to write. We still have preaching every alternate Sunday by brother L. G. Wood. The attendance is about the same, perhaps a little less, this warm weather. Very warm or cold weather always has a tendency to keep some away from church. We held our last communion service at Sister Howard's. I think nine communed and for various reasons several of our members were not present. At our last council meeting we decided to change our song books to Pentecostal Hymns. We are now using the new books and are very much pleased with them.

Brother Wood went to Seward last week and held meeting over Sunday. On his way home he visited Brother Beer at Nickerson and held a meeting there Monday evening. Our pastor has been laboring faithfully here

for over a year without much apparent success. But there has been much good seed sown and we hope that much of it has fallen in good and earnest hearts to spring up and bear fruit in its own time. Now is the seed time, by and by the harvest. We do most earnestly ask for the prayers of God's people for the success of the Brethren at this place.

#### Buena Vista, Va.

On Sunday, Aug. 6, after our regular service, we held a church meeting and unanimously elected Eld. B. C. Moomaw as delegate to National conference. Pray for the small vine at Buena Vista that the Lord may water it with the dew from heaven.

J. W. PURSLEY, Pastor.

#### Mulvane, Kans.

We are a little late with our news for this month, but it is better to appear at the eleventh hour than not at all. We held our love feast on Saturday evening, June 10. There were only nine communicants but it was a very enjoyable feast. Our little band at this place seemingly has several disadvantages. They are few in number, and have not had a pastor for two years until a little over a year ago. And while they were without a pastor some of the members moved away and sought other church homes and with but few exceptions, the young people have gone back into the world. Nevertheless I fully believe that Jesus is on our side, and if we will go to work with prayerful and consecrated hearts there will be a glorious awakening and ingathering of precious souls at this place. I am praying for it any way. How it makes my heart rejoice to read of the success sister Vianna Detwiler is having in the grand work of the S. S. C. E. On the evening of June 11, Children's Day services were held at our place of worship and the little children were highly elated over the success of their exercises as it is the first that has been held for two years. Just one word in regard to our Sunday-school: it is evergreen but does not seem to be putting forth any new branches. Hope we may soon hear the good news that we have a church in Washington. Pray for the work at this place.

ANNA WOOD.

#### Personal Work Necessary

The Examiner.

"If the members of the church are unwilling to undertake the personal work necessary to reach and draw in the unsaved, they need not be surprised at the emptiness of the pews at evening service or at the meagerness of their own spiritual life.

"In the final analysis, as already intimated, it rests very much with the church itself, and with the depth and power of the desire for the salvation of lost souls, whether the house of the Lord shall be full or empty at the evening service. From what we have observed, we should say that this perplexing problem will be solved just as soon as the churches troubled with it are ready to solve it."